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1. GENERAL

This bulletin, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947-50, for the month of May, 1950, and the eleven months ended May, 1950. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit.

Special Benefit is paid in cases of hardship where the claimant is not qualified for either of the other benefits. The number of new Australians receiving special benefits has now been excluded from the tables in this bulletin; the amount of such benefits paid, however, is included in Table I.

The number of "persons on benefit" relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependents of such beneficiaries are excluded.

Admittances and exits in Sections 3, 5 (pars. ii, iii, & iv) and 6 refer to those notified during the period shown and not to those which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the later months being overstated.

2. ALL BENEFITS - SUMMARY

(i) Benefits Paid : Benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State in May, 1950 and the eleven months ended May, 1950 are shown in the following table.

I. AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING MAY, 1950, AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1950 - STATES.
(£.)

| State | Benefits paid during May, 1950 | | | | Benefits paid during the eleven months ended May, 1950. | | | |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------------|---------|--|----------|----------------|-----------|
| | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special (a) | Total | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special (a) | Total |
| N.S.W.(b) | cr. 996 | 22,170 | 13,337 | 34,511 | 1,063,003 | 274,470 | 164,130 | 1,501,603 |
| Victoria | 698 | 19,766 | 11,158 | 31,622 | 6,119 | 198,245 | 129,934 | 334,298 |
| Queensland | 8,449 | 10,166 | 849 | 19,464 | 136,782 | 102,873 | 9,701 | 249,356 |
| S.Aust.(c) | cr. 1 | 6,324 | 396 | 6,719 | 33,066 | 75,412 | 14,498 | 122,976 |
| W.Aust. | 372 | 5,560 | 8,522 | 14,454 | 17,763 | 53,936 | 69,651 | 141,350 |
| Tasmania | 86 | 2,344 | 255 | 2,685 | 1,878 | 33,807 | 3,840 | 39,525 |
| TOTAL : | 8,608 | 66,330 | 34,517 | 109,455 | 1,258,611 | 738,743 | 391,754 | 2,389,108 |

(a) Includes amounts paid to new Australians. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Claims Admitted and Benefits Discontinued : The following table shows, for each State, the number of persons admitted to each class of benefit and the number whose benefits were discontinued during the eleven months ended May, 1950.

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1950 - STATES.

| State | Persons | | | | | | | |
|------------|--|----------|---------|---------|---|----------|---------|---------|
| | Claims Admitted - eleven months ended May, 1950 | | | | Benefits discontinued - eleven months ended May, 1950. | | | |
| | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total |
| N.S.W.(a) | 127,349 | 21,757 | 2,343 | 151,449 | 127,239 | 21,230 | 2,278 | 150,747 |
| Victoria | 901 | 13,436 | 668 | 15,005 | 812 | 12,861 | 592 | 14,265 |
| Queensland | 19,655 | 9,018 | 612 | 29,285 | 19,520 | 8,916 | 565 | 29,001 |
| S.Aust.(b) | 6,504 | 5,785 | 414 | 12,703 | 6,499 | 5,678 | 404 | 12,581 |
| W.Aust. | 5,936 | 4,839 | 205 | 10,980 | 5,926 | 4,937 | 201 | 11,064 |
| Tasmania | 136 | 2,619 | 115 | 2,870 | 142 | 2,621 | 111 | 2,874 |
| TOTAL : | 160,481 | 57,454 | 4,357 | 222,292 | 160,138 | 56,243 | 4,151 | 220,532 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

2. (iii) Claims Admitted, Discontinuances and Persons on Benefit: The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1948-49 and for the months May, 1949 to May, 1950 the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

III. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT
AUSTRALIA.

| Period | Unemployment | | Sickness | | Special | | Total | | Persons |
|------------------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | |
| CLAIMS ADMITTED. | | | | | | | | | |
| Year 1945-46 | 65,455 | 12,289 | 33,178 | 6,724 | 242 | 200 | 98,875 | 19,213 | 118,088 |
| 1946-47 | 73,379 | 5,199 | 45,024 | 11,002 | 1,271 | 335 | 119,674 | 16,536 | 136,210 |
| 1947-48 | 27,275 | 1,387 | 53,947 | 15,539 | 1,527 | 650 | 82,749 | 17,576 | 100,325 |
| 1948-49 | 11,459 | 667 | 53,662 | 15,202 | 1,631 | 785 | 66,752 | 16,654 | 83,406 |
| 1949 May | 513 | 40 | 4,086 | 1,165 | 129 | 66 | 4,728 | 1,271 | 5,999 |
| June | 500 | 61 | 4,062 | 1,094 | 125 | 50 | 4,687 | 1,205 | 5,892 |
| July | 112,746 | 28,415 | 5,351 | 1,505 | 1,783 | 357 | 119,880 | 30,277 | 150,157 |
| Aug. | 10,206 | 1,595 | 4,046 | 1,228 | 274 | 84 | 14,526 | 2,907 | 17,433 |
| Sept. | 651 | 92 | 4,185 | 1,287 | 159 | 73 | 4,995 | 1,452 | 6,447 |
| Oct. | 525 | 105 | 5,189 | 1,726 | 198 | 85 | 5,912 | 1,916 | 7,828 |
| Nov. | 420 | 64 | 3,832 | 1,214 | 121 | 82 | 4,373 | 1,360 | 5,733 |
| Dec. | 611 | 75 | 3,328 | 974 | 114 | 47 | 4,053 | 1,096 | 5,149 |
| 1950 Jan. | 1,556 | 67 | 4,369 | 1,278 | 189 | 83 | 6,114 | 1,428 | 7,542 |
| Feb. | 1,006 | 67 | 3,808 | 1,156 | 142 | 79 | 4,956 | 1,302 | 6,258 |
| Mar. (a) | 870 | 80 | 3,658 | 1,134 | 132 | 64 | 4,660 | 1,278 | 5,938 |
| April (a) | 761 | 99 | 3,931 | 1,140 | 123 | 57 | 4,815 | 1,296 | 6,111 |
| May (a) | 390 | 80 | 2,452 | 663 | 83 | 28 | 2,925 | 771 | 3,696 |

DISCONTINUANCES.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-----|---------|--------|---------|
| Year 1945-46 | 58,879 | 11,992 | 27,550 | 5,432 | 186 | 60 | 86,615 | 17,484 | 104,099 |
| 1946-47 | 73,974 | 5,269 | 43,388 | 10,075 | 1,136 | 210 | 118,498 | 15,554 | 134,052 |
| 1947-48 | 31,538 | 1,494 | 53,785 | 15,244 | 1,503 | 497 | 86,826 | 17,235 | 104,061 |
| 1948-49 | 12,143 | 670 | 51,933 | 14,871 | 1,531 | 614 | 65,607 | 16,155 | 81,762 |
| 1949 May | 1,236 | 42 | 3,619 | 1,074 | 120 | 30 | 4,975 | 1,146 | 6,121 |
| June | 568 | 38 | 3,374 | 982 | 103 | 43 | 4,045 | 1,063 | 5,108 |
| July | 30,600 | 10,210 | 5,542 | 1,608 | 491 | 167 | 36,633 | 11,985 | 48,618 |
| Aug. | 88,740 | 19,115 | 3,904 | 1,107 | 1,413 | 196 | 94,057 | 20,418 | 114,475 |
| Sept. | 3,918 | 629 | 3,946 | 1,120 | 216 | 69 | 8,080 | 1,818 | 9,898 |
| Oct. | 835 | 160 | 4,885 | 1,473 | 192 | 52 | 5,912 | 1,685 | 7,597 |
| Nov. | 448 | 75 | 3,754 | 1,220 | 134 | 51 | 4,336 | 1,346 | 5,682 |
| Dec. | 352 | 72 | 3,287 | 990 | 127 | 56 | 3,766 | 1,118 | 4,884 |
| 1950 Jan. | 1,221 | 100 | 4,410 | 1,335 | 149 | 95 | 5,780 | 1,530 | 7,310 |
| Feb. | 809 | 55 | 3,708 | 1,050 | 138 | 62 | 4,655 | 1,167 | 5,822 |
| Mar. (a) | 702 | 50 | 3,507 | 1,125 | 136 | 72 | 4,345 | 1,247 | 5,592 |
| April (a) | 952 | 87 | 4,004 | 1,160 | 131 | 70 | 5,087 | 1,317 | 6,404 |
| May (a) | 928 | 80 | 2,443 | 665 | 102 | 32 | 3,473 | 777 | 4,250 |

PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----|--------|--------|---------|
| 1946 - June | 6,576 | 297 | 5,628 | 1,292 | 56 | 140 | 12,260 | 1,729 | 13,989 |
| 1947 - June | 5,981 | 227 | 7,264 | 2,219 | 191 | 265 | 13,436 | 2,711 | 16,147 |
| 1948 - June | 1,718 | 120 | 7,426 | 2,514 | 215 | 418 | 9,359 | 3,052 | 12,411 |
| 1949 - May | 1,102 | 94 | 8,467 | 2,733 | 293 | 582 | 9,862 | 3,409 | 13,271 |
| June | 1,034 | 117 | 9,155 | 2,845 | 315 | 589 | 10,504 | 3,551 | 14,055 |
| July | 83,180 | 18,322 | 8,964 | 2,742 | 1,607 | 779 | 93,751 | 21,843 | 115,594 |
| Aug. | 4,646 | 802 | 9,106 | 2,863 | 468 | 667 | 14,220 | 4,332 | 18,552 |
| Sept. | 1,379 | 265 | 9,345 | 3,030 | 411 | 671 | 11,135 | 3,966 | 15,101 |
| Oct. | 1,069 | 210 | 9,649 | 3,283 | 417 | 704 | 11,135 | 4,197 | 15,332 |
| Nov. | 1,041 | 199 | 9,727 | 3,277 | 404 | 735 | 11,172 | 4,211 | 15,383 |
| Dec. | 1,300 | 202 | 9,768 | 3,261 | 391 | 726 | 11,459 | 4,189 | 15,648 |
| 1950 - Jan. | 1,635 | 169 | 9,727 | 3,204 | 431 | 714 | 11,793 | 4,087 | 15,880 |
| Feb. | 1,832 | 181 | 9,827 | 3,310 | 435 | 731 | 12,094 | 4,222 | 16,316 |
| Mar. (a) | 2,000 | 211 | 9,978 | 3,319 | 431 | 723 | 12,409 | 4,253 | 16,662 |
| April (a) | 1,809 | 223 | 9,905 | 3,299 | 423 | 710 | 12,137 | 4,232 | 16,369 |
| May (a) | 1,271 | 223 | 9,914 | 3,297 | 404 | 706 | 11,589 | 4,226 | 15,815 |

(a) Subject to revision.:

3. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

(i) Duration : The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during May, 1950, and the eleven months ended May, 1950, is shown in the following table :-

IV. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING MAY, 1950 AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

| Duration of Benefits | Persons | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|-------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| | May, 1950 | | | | Eleven Months ended May, 1950 | | | |
| | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total |
| <u>Weeks</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 | 104 | 245 | 12 | 361 | 12,079 | 3,192 | 188 | 15,459 |
| 1 and under 2 | 131 | 565 | 14 | 710 | 19,656 | 7,110 | 360 | 27,126 |
| 2 " " 3 | 132 | 589 | 12 | 733 | 15,882 | 7,029 | 425 | 23,336 |
| 3 " " 4 | 82 | 563 | 9 | 654 | 18,249 | 6,482 | 434 | 25,165 |
| 4 " " 5 | 63 | 386 | 20 | 469 | 18,737 | 4,881 | 424 | 24,042 |
| 5 " " 9 | 210 | 1,053 | 40 | 1,303 | 72,346 | 12,466 | 1,425 | 86,237 |
| 9 " " 13 | 273 | 544 | 41 | 858 | 1,964 | 5,947 | 286 | 8,197 |
| 13 " " 27 | 278 | 577 | 47 | 902 | 992 | 6,528 | 388 | 7,908 |
| 27 and over | 44 | 302 | 17 | 363 | 233 | 2,608 | 221 | 3,062 |
| TOTAL : | 1,317 | 4,824 | 212 | 6,353 | 160,138 | 56,243 | 4,151 | 220,532 |

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during May, 1950, and the eleven months ended May, 1950 the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit :-

V. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING MAY, 1950 AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1950 : PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA.
(Per Cent.)

| Duration of Benefits | May, 1950 | | | | Eleven months ended May, 1950 | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|-------------------------------|----------|---------|-------|
| | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total | Unem- ployment | Sickness | Special | Total |
| <u>Weeks</u> | | | | | | | | |
| 27 and over | 3.34 | 6.26 | 8.02 | 5.71 | 0.14 | 4.64 | 5.32 | 1.39 |
| 13 " " | 24.45 | 18.22 | 30.19 | 19.91 | 0.76 | 16.24 | 14.67 | 4.97 |
| 9 " " | 45.18 | 29.50 | 49.53 | 33.42 | 1.99 | 26.82 | 21.56 | 8.69 |
| 5 " " | 61.12 | 51.33 | 68.40 | 53.93 | 47.17 | 48.98 | 55.89 | 47.79 |
| 4 " " | 65.90 | 59.33 | 77.83 | 61.31 | 58.87 | 57.66 | 66.10 | 58.69 |
| 3 " " | 72.14 | 71.00 | 82.08 | 71.60 | 70.27 | 69.18 | 76.56 | 70.10 |
| 2 " " | 82.16 | 83.21 | 87.74 | 83.14 | 80.19 | 81.68 | 86.80 | 80.69 |
| 1 " " | 92.10 | 94.92 | 94.34 | 94.32 | 92.46 | 94.32 | 95.47 | 92.99 |
| Less than 1 | 7.90 | 5.08 | 5.66 | 5.68 | 7.54 | 5.68 | 4.53 | 7.01 |

(ii) Reasons for Cessation : The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during May, 1950, and the eleven months ended May, 1950 are shown below :-

VI. REASONS FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING MAY, 1950 AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1950 : AUSTRALIA

| Reasons for Cessation | May, 1950 | | | | Eleven months ended May, 1950 | | | |
|--|--------------|--------|----------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Unemployment | | Sickness | | Unemployment | | Sickness | |
| | Persons | % | Persons | % | Persons | % | Persons | % |
| Employment secured or resumed | 637 | 48.37 | 2,806 | 58.17 | 130,025 | 81.20 | 33,126 | 58.90 |
| Incapacity terminated | - | - | 1,521 | 31.53 | - | - | 16,939 | 30.12 |
| Failure to report (a) | 617 | 46.85 | 49 | 1.01 | 28,317 | 17.68 | 531 | 0.94 |
| Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act | 28 | 2.13 | 27 | 0.56 | 900 | 0.56 | 697 | 1.24 |
| Statutory Age Limit (b) | 3 | 0.23 | 7 | 0.15 | 51 | 0.04 | 131 | 0.23 |
| Permanent incapacity (c) | 2 | 0.15 | 203 | 4.21 | 119 | 0.07 | 2,217 | 3.94 |
| Transfer to rehabilitation Allowance | - | - | 6 | 0.12 | 10 | - | 63 | 0.11 |
| Death | - | - | 79 | 1.64 | 31 | 0.02 | 931 | 1.66 |
| Transfer to another district | 14 | 1.06 | 51 | 1.06 | 346 | 0.22 | 732 | 1.30 |
| Other | 16 | 1.21 | 75 | 1.55 | 339 | 0.21 | 876 | 1.56 |
| TOTAL : | 1,317 | 100.00 | 4,824 | 100.00 | 160,138 | 100.00 | 56,243 | 100.00 |

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension. (c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pension.

4. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH MAY, 1950.

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment : The proportion of persons on benefit at 27th May, 1950 to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 57 per 10,000 comprising 5 unemployment, 48 sickness and 4 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females :-

VII. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH MAY, 1950. PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.

| Sex | Proportion | Number on benefit per 10,000 in employment | | | |
|---------|--------------------|--|----------|---------|-------|
| | | Unemployment | Sickness | Special | Total |
| Males | Per 10,000 males | 6 | 49 | 2 | 57 |
| Females | Per 10,000 females | 3 | 45 | 9 | 57 |
| Persons | Per 10,000 persons | 5 | 48 | 4 | 57 |

(ii) State Totals : The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 27th May, 1950.

VIII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH MAY, 1950 : STATES.

| State | Unemployment | | Sickness | | Special | | Total | | |
|-------------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
| N.S.W.(a) | 319 | 74 | 3,760 | 1,298 | 140 | 230 | 4,219 | 1,602 | 5,821 |
| Victoria | 109 | 31 | 2,929 | 1,090 | 121 | 212 | 3,159 | 1,333 | 4,492 |
| Queensland | 696 | 87 | 1,368 | 406 | 74 | 115 | 2,138 | 608 | 2,746 |
| S.Aust.(b) | 31 | 4 | 850 | 271 | 28 | 33 | 909 | 308 | 1,217 |
| W.Australia | 95 | 22 | 634 | 156 | 28 | 52 | 757 | 230 | 987 |
| Tasmania | 21 | 5 | 373 | 76 | 13 | 64 | 407 | 145 | 552 |
| TOTAL : | 1,271 | 223 | 9,914 | 3,297 | 404 | 706 | 11,589 | 4,226 | 15,815 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages : Distribution of persons on benefit at 27th May, 1950 according to age groups is shown in the following table :-

IX. AGE OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH MAY, 1950 : AUSTRALIA.

| Age Group (as at 31st Dec., 1949) | Unemployment | | Sickness | | Special | | Total. | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
| 16 - 19 Years | 60 | 64 | 714 | 750 | 20 | 48 | 794 | 862 | 1,656 |
| 20 - 24 " | 153 | 57 | 1,199 | 717 | 4 | 40 | 1,356 | 814 | 2,170 |
| 25 - 29 " | 139 | 25 | 970 | 355 | 5 | 54 | 1,114 | 434 | 1,548 |
| 30 - 34 " | 129 | 18 | 866 | 270 | 7 | 42 | 1,002 | 330 | 1,332 |
| 35 - 39 " | 103 | 13 | 929 | 248 | 13 | 78 | 1,045 | 339 | 1,384 |
| 40 - 44 " | 103 | 17 | 903 | 222 | 1 | 102 | 1,007 | 341 | 1,348 |
| 45 - 49 " | 147 | 12 | 1,077 | 311 | 8 | 144 | 1,232 | 467 | 1,699 |
| 50 - 54 " | 120 | 9 | 1,003 | 251 | 9 | 76 | 1,132 | 336 | 1,468 |
| 55 - 59 " | 151 | 8 | 1,121 | 162 | 9 | 78 | 1,281 | 248 | 1,529 |
| 60 years and over | 166 | - | 1,132 | 11 | 328 | 44 | 1,626 | 55 | 1,681 |
| TOTAL : | 1,271 | 223 | 9,914 | 3,297 | 404 | 706 | 11,589 | 4,226 | 15,815 |

(i) Claims Admitted, Discontinuances and Persons on Benefit : The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1948-49 and for the months May, 1949 to May, 1950, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit in each State.

X. UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT STATES.

| Period | Persons | | | | | | Australia | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|---------|--------|-----|-----------|---------|---------|
| | N.S.W.(a) | Vic. | Q'ld. | S.A.(b) | W.A. | Tas | Males | Females | Persons |
| <u>CLAIMS ADMITTED.</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Year 1945-46 | 48,789 | 2,695 | 10,954 | 10,956 | 4,037 | 313 | 65,455 | 12,289 | 77,744 |
| 1946-47 | 12,704 | 16,187 | 35,922 | 1,380 | 11,981 | 404 | 73,379 | 5,199 | 78,578 |
| 1947-48 | 3,516 | 1,029 | 21,227 | 234 | 2,471 | 185 | 27,275 | 1,387 | 28,662 |
| 1948-49 | 2,257 | 288 | 8,455 | 124 | 884 | 118 | 11,459 | 667 | 12,126 |
| 1949 May | 86 | 16 | 401 | 4 | 40 | 6 | 513 | 40 | 553 |
| June | 105 | 28 | 322 | 25 | 64 | 17 | 500 | 61 | 561 |
| July | 116,343 | 198 | 13,416 | 5,864 | 5,310 | 30 | 112,746 | 28,415 | 141,161 |
| August | 9,565 | 232 | 1,363 | 503 | 113 | 25 | 10,206 | 1,595 | 11,801 |
| Sept. | 324 | 74 | 237 | 20 | 70 | 18 | 651 | 92 | 743 |
| Oct. | 167 | 55 | 298 | 19 | 79 | 12 | 525 | 105 | 630 |
| Nov. | 121 | 31 | 274 | 8 | 42 | 8 | 420 | 64 | 484 |
| Dec. | 172 | 36 | 420 | 12 | 42 | 4 | 611 | 75 | 686 |
| 1950 Jan. | 200 | 121 | 1,156 | 59 | 76 | 11 | 1,556 | 67 | 1,623 |
| Feb. | 111 | 23 | 870 | 8 | 50 | 11 | 1,006 | 67 | 1,073 |
| Mar. (c) | 98 | 22 | 780 | 4 | 42 | 4 | 870 | 80 | 950 |
| April (c) | 141 | 84 | 567 | 6 | 58 | 4 | 761 | 99 | 860 |
| May (c) | 107 | 25 | 274 | 1 | 54 | 9 | 390 | 80 | 470 |

DISCONTINUANCES.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|--------|--------|---------|
| Year 1945-46 | 47,491 | 2,116 | 7,643 | 10,630 | 2,761 | 230 | 58,879 | 11,992 | 70,871 |
| 1946-47 | 12,602 | 16,099 | 36,002 | 1,601 | 12,496 | 443 | 73,974 | 5,269 | 79,243 |
| 1947-48 | 4,577 | 1,630 | 23,285 | 319 | 3,020 | 201 | 31,538 | 1,494 | 33,032 |
| 1948-49 | 2,313 | 303 | 8,980 | 114 | 989 | 114 | 12,143 | 670 | 12,813 |
| 1949 May | 95 | 9 | 1,123 | 10 | 36 | 5 | 1,236 | 42 | 1,278 |
| June | 44 | 10 | 483 | 7 | 48 | 14 | 568 | 38 | 606 |
| July | 24,540 | 86 | 7,406 | 3,698 | 5,059 | 21 | 30,600 | 10,210 | 40,810 |
| August | 97,842 | 221 | 7,168 | 2,366 | 229 | 29 | 88,740 | 19,115 | 107,855 |
| Sept. | 3,405 | 123 | 575 | 313 | 113 | 18 | 3,918 | 629 | 4,547 |
| Oct. | 453 | 82 | 330 | 18 | 97 | 15 | 835 | 160 | 995 |
| Nov. | 157 | 44 | 247 | 8 | 53 | 14 | 448 | 75 | 523 |
| Dec. | 147 | 30 | 188 | 9 | 44 | 6 | 352 | 72 | 424 |
| 1950 Jan. | 224 | 111 | 755 | 65 | 152 | 14 | 1,221 | 100 | 1,321 |
| Feb. | 137 | 12 | 654 | 9 | 46 | 6 | 809 | 55 | 864 |
| Mar. (c) | 105 | 20 | 571 | 5 | 43 | 8 | 702 | 50 | 752 |
| April (c) | 127 | 42 | 814 | 6 | 45 | 5 | 952 | 87 | 1,039 |
| May (c) | 102 | 41 | 812 | 2 | 45 | 6 | 928 | 80 | 1,008 |

PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------|-----|-------|-------|-------|----|--------|--------|---------|
| 1946 - June | 1,298 | 579 | 3,311 | 326 | 1,276 | 83 | 6,576 | 297 | 6,873 |
| 1947 - June | 1,400 | 667 | 3,231 | 105 | 761 | 44 | 5,981 | 227 | 6,208 |
| 1948 - June | 339 | 66 | 1,173 | 20 | 212 | 28 | 1,718 | 120 | 1,838 |
| 1949 - May | 222 | 33 | 809 | 12 | 91 | 29 | 1,102 | 94 | 1,196 |
| June | 283 | 51 | 648 | 30 | 107 | 32 | 1,034 | 117 | 1,151 |
| July | 92,086 | 163 | 6,658 | 2,196 | 358 | 41 | 83,180 | 18,322 | 101,502 |
| Aug. | 3,809 | 174 | 853 | 333 | 242 | 37 | 4,646 | 802 | 5,448 |
| Sept. | 728 | 125 | 515 | 40 | 199 | 37 | 1,379 | 265 | 1,644 |
| Oct. | 442 | 98 | 483 | 41 | 181 | 34 | 1,069 | 210 | 1,279 |
| Nov. | 406 | 85 | 510 | 41 | 170 | 28 | 1,041 | 199 | 1,240 |
| Dec. | 431 | 91 | 742 | 44 | 168 | 26 | 1,300 | 202 | 1,502 |
| 1950 - Jan. | 407 | 101 | 1,143 | 38 | 92 | 23 | 1,635 | 169 | 1,804 |
| Feb. | 381 | 112 | 1,359 | 37 | 96 | 28 | 1,832 | 181 | 2,013 |
| Mar. (c) | 374 | 114 | 1,568 | 36 | 95 | 24 | 2,000 | 211 | 2,211 |
| April (c) | 388 | 156 | 1,321 | 36 | 108 | 23 | 1,809 | 223 | 2,032 |
| May (c) | 393 | 140 | 783 | 35 | 117 | 26 | 1,271 | 223 | 1,494 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Subject to revision.

(ii) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during May, 1950 and the eleven months ended May, 1950, and by those who were on benefit at 27th May, 1950.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which are made by initiative of the employee.

XI. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING MAY, 1950 AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

| Cause of Unemployment | Admission during | | | | On Benefit | |
|--|------------------|----|-------------------------------|--------|----------------|-----|
| | May, 1950 | | Eleven months ended May, 1950 | | 27th May, 1950 | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Discharged or laid-off - | | | | | | |
| Disciplinary reasons .. | 4 | 2 | 108 | 5 | 9 | 3 |
| Inefficiency, incl. medical unfitness | 11 | 3 | 404 | 77 | 34 | 14 |
| Power rationing .. | 5 | - | 118,565 | 29,407 | 108 | 26 |
| Shortage of materials .. | 16 | - | 1,704 | 172 | 60 | 5 |
| Strikes and lockouts .. | - | - | 53 | 1 | 5 | - |
| Seasonal work .. | 64 | 3 | 2,010 | 26 | 265 | 6 |
| Casual work .. | 105 | 16 | 1,745 | 139 | 223 | 28 |
| Other, including inadequately defined | 129 | 35 | 2,223 | 361 | 256 | 50 |
| Quitted - | | | | | | |
| Medical unfitness, work too heavy | 64 | 22 | 1,362 | 311 | 185 | 52 |
| Other, including inadequately defined | 54 | 11 | 1,082 | 194 | 105 | 29 |
| Not previously employed - | | | | | | |
| Employers, workers on own account | 2 | - | 395 | 17 | 9 | - |
| Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work .. | 3 | - | 39 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Other .. | 4 | 2 | 52 | 28 | 11 | 9 |
| TOTAL: | 461 | 94 | 129,742 | 30,739 | 1,271 | 223 |

(iii) Industrial Classification of - (a) Claims Admitted and Persons on Benefit : The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during May, 1950 and the eleven months ended May, 1950, and of those on benefit at 27th May, 1950.

XII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING MAY, 1950 AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

| Industry in which last engaged | Admissions during | | | | On Benefit | |
|---|-------------------|----|-------------------------------|--------|----------------|-----|
| | May, 1950 | | Eleven months ended May, 1950 | | 27th May, 1950 | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying | 82 | 1 | 2,140 | 18 | 242 | 1 |
| Other Primary Production .. | 2 | - | 432 | 2 | 15 | - |
| Coal Mining .. | 9 | - | 210 | - | 11 | - |
| Other Mining and Quarrying .. | 26 | - | 1,011 | 5 | 17 | - |
| Factories and Industrial - | | | | | | |
| Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (including Shipbuilding) .. | 23 | - | 50,528 | 3,896 | 115 | 2 |
| Vehicles, including Aircraft .. | 2 | - | 6,649 | 198 | 16 | - |
| Textiles and articles of dress .. | 5 | 17 | 9,138 | 15,426 | 31 | 32 |
| Food, Drink and Tobacco .. | 40 | 7 | 6,603 | 2,355 | 158 | 17 |
| Furniture, Woodwork, etc. .. | 19 | - | 7,333 | 412 | 53 | 2 |
| Other Factories, including heat, light and power .. | 11 | - | 21,297 | 3,218 | 61 | 8 |
| Building and Construction .. | 98 | 1 | 10,674 | 31 | 228 | 7 |
| Transport and Communication .. | 29 | 1 | 4,690 | 100 | 75 | 4 |
| Commerce and Finance - | | | | | | |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade .. | 35 | 11 | 3,315 | 1,380 | 79 | 23 |
| Finance and Property .. | 2 | 1 | 153 | 20 | 9 | 1 |
| Public Administration and Professional | 29 | 8 | 789 | 250 | 56 | 14 |
| Personal and Domestic Service .. | 40 | 44 | 3,487 | 3,211 | 83 | 102 |
| Other .. | 9 | 3 | 1,293 | 217 | 22 | 10 |
| TOTAL: | 461 | 94 | 129,742 | 30,739 | 1,271 | 223 |

(b) Males on Benefit: Distribution by States of Males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 27th May, 1950 in the main industrial groups is shown in the following table:-

XIII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 27TH MAY, 1950.
STATES.

| Industry in which last engaged | N.S.W. (a) | Vic. | Q'ld. | S.A. (b) | W.A. | Tas. | Aust. |
|--|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying | 38 | 6 | 190 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 242 |
| Other Primary Production .. | 5 | 1 | 8 | - | 1 | - | 15 |
| Coal Mining .. | 10 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 11 |
| Other Mining and Quarrying .. | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 7 | - | 17 |
| Factories and Industrial - | | | | | | | |
| Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding) | 64 | 9 | 28 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 115 |
| Vehicles, including Aircraft .. | 3 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 16 |
| Textiles and Articles of Dress .. | 8 | 3 | 16 | - | 4 | - | 31 |
| Food, Drink and Tobacco .. | 14 | 3 | 132 | - | 6 | 3 | 158 |
| Furniture, Woodwork, etc. .. | 10 | 2 | 35 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 53 |
| Other Factories, including Heat, Light and Power .. | 20 | 11 | 18 | 4 | 8 | - | 61 |
| Building and Construction .. | 64 | 36 | 108 | 6 | 13 | 1 | 228 |
| Transport and Communication .. | 14 | 10 | 39 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 75 |
| Commerce and Finance - | | | | | | | |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade .. | 24 | 2 | 41 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 79 |
| Finance and Property .. | 1 | 1 | 4 | - | 3 | - | 9 |
| Public Administration and Professional | 15 | 1 | 24 | 1 | 13 | 2 | 56 |
| Personal and Domestic Service .. | 20 | 18 | 28 | 2 | 14 | 1 | 83 |
| Other .. | 6 | 2 | 13 | - | 1 | - | 22 |
| TOTAL: | 319 | 109 | 696 | 31 | 95 | 21 | 1,271 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Distribution of Beneficiaries, Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the eleven months ended May, 1950, and the persons on benefit at 27th May, 1950 are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

XIV. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES

| State | Claims Admitted during the eleven months ended May, 1950 | | | | On Benefit at 27th May, 1950 | | | |
|---------------------|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| | Metropolitan | | Other | | Metropolitan | | Other | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| New South Wales (b) | 71,101 | 16,786 | 32,391 | 7,071 | 96 | 14 | 223 | 60 |
| Victoria | 185 | 31 | 548 | 137 | 25 | 7 | 84 | 24 |
| Queensland | 9,516 | 4,049 | 5,148 | 942 | 109 | 37 | 587 | 50 |
| South Australia (c) | 5,406 | 970 | 121 | 7 | 26 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Western Australia | 4,913 | 702 | 290 | 31 | 80 | 17 | 15 | 5 |
| Tasmania | 63 | 6 | 60 | 7 | 19 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| TOTAL: | 91,184 | 22,544 | 38,558 | 8,195 | 355 | 80 | 916 | 143 |

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Department of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan". (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

6. SICKNESS BENEFIT.

(i) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during May, 1950, and the eleven months ended May, 1950, and of those on benefit at 27th May, 1950.

XV. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING MAY, 1950 AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1950 : AUSTRALIA.

| Nature of Sickness | Admissions during | | | | On Benefit | |
|---|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| | May, 1950 | | Eleven months ended May, 1950 | | 27th May, 1950 | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Infective and Parasitic Diseases | 252 | 63 | 2,813 | 919 | 647 | 266 |
| Cancer .. | 26 | 3 | 289 | 44 | 91 | 18 |
| Other Tumours .. | 32 | 31 | 424 | 278 | 90 | 64 |
| Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases | 216 | 72 | 2,407 | 829 | 587 | 252 |
| Diseases of - | | | | | | |
| Blood and Blood-forming Organs | 30 | 18 | 201 | 185 | 59 | 53 |
| Nervous System and Sense Organs | 362 | 169 | 3,982 | 1,655 | 990 | 454 |
| Circulatory System .. | 377 | 82 | 3,961 | 673 | 1,091 | 219 |
| Respiratory System .. | 474 | 110 | 4,635 | 1,038 | 936 | 234 |
| Digestive System .. | 953 | 233 | 9,970 | 2,605 | 1,798 | 459 |
| Genito-urinary System .. | 193 | 147 | 1,758 | 1,377 | 404 | 313 |
| Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc. | - | 128 | - | 1,346 | - | 372 |
| Skin and Cellular Tissues .. | 181 | 54 | 1,983 | 476 | 401 | 99 |
| Bones and Organs of Movement | 95 | 35 | 1,149 | 404 | 248 | 104 |
| Other Diseases (including ill-defined conditions) .. | 63 | 22 | 837 | 333 | 161 | 80 |
| Injuries and Acute Poisoning - | | | | | | |
| Fractures .. | 577 | 57 | 5,048 | 547 | 1,532 | 171 |
| Other Injuries, etc. .. | 382 | 51 | 4,288 | 495 | 767 | 109 |
| Surgical Amputations .. | 17 | 1 | 157 | 14 | 54 | 4 |
| Other (including not stated) | 19 | 11 | 247 | 87 | 58 | 26 |
| TOTAL: | 4,249 | 1,287 | 44,149 | 13,305 | 9,914 | 3,297 |

(ii) Industrial Classification of Persons on Benefit: The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 27th May, 1950, is shown in the following table.

XVI. SICKNESS : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH MAY, 1950. AUSTRALIA.

| Industry in which last engaged | Males | Females | Persons |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying .. | 718 | 19 | 737 |
| Other Primary Production .. | 179 | - | 179 |
| Coal Mining .. | 219 | - | 219 |
| Other Mining and Quarrying .. | 129 | 3 | 132 |
| Factories and Industrial - | | | |
| Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding) .. | 1,418 | 144 | 1,562 |
| Vehicles, including Aircraft .. | 464 | 14 | 478 |
| Textiles and articles of dress .. | 369 | 610 | 979 |
| Food, Drink and Tobacco .. | 633 | 184 | 817 |
| Furniture, Woodwork, etc. .. | 440 | 13 | 453 |
| Other Factories, including heat, light and power | 979 | 229 | 1,208 |
| Building and Construction .. | 1,696 | 6 | 1,702 |
| Transport and Communication .. | 874 | 96 | 970 |
| Commerce and Finance - | | | |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade .. | 887 | 503 | 1,390 |
| Finance and Property .. | 63 | 52 | 115 |
| Public Administration and Professional .. | 333 | 560 | 893 |
| Personal and Domestic Service .. | 491 | 857 | 1,348 |
| Other .. | 22 | 7 | 29 |
| TOTAL: | 9,914 | 3,297 | 13,211 |

(iii) Distribution of Beneficiaries, Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefit claims whose admission was notified during the eleven months ended May, 1950 and those current at 27th May, 1950, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

XVII. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

| State | Claims admitted during the eleven months ended May, 1950 | | | | On Benefit at 27th May, 1950 | | | |
|---------------------|--|---------|--------|---------|------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| | Metropolitan | | Other | | Metropolitan | | Other | |
| | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females |
| New South Wales (b) | 10,067 | 3,927 | 6,309 | 1,454 | 2,260 | 956 | 1,500 | 342 |
| Victoria | 6,829 | 2,668 | 3,129 | 810 | 2,254 | 922 | 675 | 168 |
| Queensland | 3,491 | 1,155 | 3,680 | 692 | 708 | 255 | 660 | 151 |
| South Australia (c) | 3,939 | 1,061 | 681 | 104 | 687 | 242 | 163 | 29 |
| Western Australia | 2,634 | 760 | 1,238 | 207 | 441 | 119 | 193 | 37 |
| Tasmania | 1,086 | 234 | 1,066 | 233 | 128 | 40 | 245 | 36 |
| <u>TOTAL:</u> | 28,046 | 9,805 | 16,103 | 3,500 | 6,478 | 2,534 | 3,436 | 763 |

(a) See footnote (a) to Table XIV. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the eleven months ended May, 1950, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below:-

XVIII. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1950. STATES.

| State | Unemployment | | Sickness | | Special | | Total | | Percent- age Re- jects to Total |
|---------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|--|
| | Total Claims | Rejects | Total Claims | Rejects | Total Claims | Rejects | Total Claims | Rejects | |
| N.S.W. (a) | 136,450 | 9,101 | 24,672 | 2,915 | 2,607 | 264 | 163,729 | 12,280 | 7.50 |
| Vic. | 1,426 | 525 | 15,933 | 2,497 | 991 | 323 | 18,350 | 3,345 | 18.23 |
| Q'ld. | 26,175 | 6,520 | 10,600 | 1,582 | 882 | 270 | 37,657 | 8,372 | 22.23 |
| S.A. (b) | 12,480 | 5,976 | 6,659 | 874 | 492 | 78 | 19,631 | 6,928 | 35.30 |
| W.A. | 7,922 | 1,986 | 5,789 | 950 | 290 | 85 | 14,001 | 3,021 | 21.58 |
| Tas. | 203 | 67 | 2,933 | 314 | 163 | 48 | 3,299 | 429 | 13.00 |
| <u>TOTAL:</u> | 184,656 | 24,175 | 66,586 | 9,132 | 5,425 | 1,068 | 256,667 | 34,375 | 13.39 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

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